COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVE'G, JUNE 3, 1857.

Ws are again without any arrivals of foreign vessels to record trade continues excessively dull; sales, to a limited extent, have been effect at auction, but the bidding was anything but spirited and prices ruled unusually low.

The clipper ship Staghound, 15 day from San Francisco, for China, touched off the port on Sunday to land passengers, and passed on without waiting to report herself at the Custom

The bark Fanny Major may be looked for in a few days, and her arrival may create a little revival in trade.

Accounts from San Francisco by the Staghound show a great stagnation in trade, combined with a scarcity of money. We notice sales of Sandwich Islands coffee at 132c @ 142, while Rio and Java are quoted at 16c @ 18c; we cannot understand why our Islands coffee should not rank equal with the best in the California market-certainly our best qualities of Kona and "Kauai" are inferior in flavour to none other in the world, excepting perhaps Mocha.

Our quotations are necessarily limited this week.

FLOUR-We hear of sales of 30 bbls California and Oregon at \$16, a slight decline from last quotations. Stock in first hands is quite small.

TEA-Sales of black in papers at 45c. CIGARS-10 M Manila, Havana shape, inferior, sold at \$14

50 per M. CORN-Jobbing at 3c for native.

PULU-No demand; last advices from San Francisco are considered unfavorable to shipments. WHALE LINE-Sales 30 coils Manila at auction at 17c @

17±c. LUMBER-Boards are in good demand, and the stock is light, Jobbing at \$40.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

[From McRuer & Merrill's Mercantile Gazette.] COFFEE-Small parcels of all descriptions have been sold to the trade during the fortnight, but we doubt if the total transactions have been to exceed 100,000 fb, and the rates paid afford no criterion of the market for a large lot. 140 half bags Rio, via New York, sold at 15c; 50 mats green Java, at auction, at 18tc; 10,000 th Sandwich Islands at 14t@15c. By the last mail we had advices of the arrival of the Versailles at Rio Janeiro. from whence she is chartered to bring a cargo of 800,000 th to

MOLASSES AND SYRUP-Of Boston refined, probably 300 kegs 5 and 8 galls each, were sold from first hands, to the trade,

UILS-Since our last, the Eagle, (whaler, of this port,) has returned from a cruise on the coast, bringing about 400 bbls grey or humpback oil, which were sold to manufacturers at 65c, cash; 1000 galls polar, ex Fanny Major, sold at 75c. One or two other vessels are expected to arrive ere long with coast oil. SUGAR-Of China the most important sale was that of 96,000

th No 1 at auction, early in the fortnight at an average of 13%c; aside from this the sales were 90,000 fb do in lots from second hands, at 131@131c; last sale at 131c. There was offered at auction a few days since 1800 bales Batavia; \$12 30 was bid for 100 do No 18, when the whole was withdrawn; since, 150,000 th Batavia, ex Rocket, were sold to the trade on private terms; 40 hf bbls, Sandwich Islands, sold at auction at 13c. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-The stock here now and to arrive,

in four months, exceeds a year's consumption. We note sales, since last mail, of 700 cs at 723@711c, and 175 bbls at 70@65c. As we write, it is doubtful if a round lot in tin would realize 700 TEAS-The only important sales since our last review which are worth quoting, were 1200 cs Canton made greens, in 1 1 canisters, from second hands, at 571c; taken, we believe, on speculation. The stock of all grades as we write is estimated at

about 1,300,000 fb, and the monthly consumption does not vary materially from 90,000 lb. FLOUR-Some outside parties came forward early in the fortnight and contracted to deliver within 30 days about 7000 bbls superfine domestic flour at \$11 50@\$12. After, or about the time that these engagements were made, considerable parcels of Oregon and Domestic were put into auction, whether with the view of depressing the market, we could not ascertain; the prices realized at these sales for Oregon ranged from \$10 25 to \$9 50. and for domestic \$11 50@\$9 75, according to quality.

NEW BEDFORD OIL MARKET, MARCH 30.

SPERM—We notice a further advance in sperm since our last, with a fair demand. The sales include 575 bbls at 150c per gallon. Also 115 bbls, landed from the Crystal Palace, at 145

WHALE-The market for whale has exhibited considerable activity the past week, and the transactions embrace sales of 4382 bbls, in parcels (2182 of which landed from the Crystal Palace) as follows: - 750 bbls at 73c, 600 do at 75c, 1086 do at 74c, and 1946 do at 75c, per gallon. WHALEBONE—The market for bone has been very active

since our last. The cargo of the Crystal Palace, with the exception of 46,000 hss has been sold. The transactions for the week embrace sales of 304,100 fbs, including North West and Ochotsk at 70c @ 74c for the former, and 75c @ 80c for the latter .- New Bedford Ship List.

LATEST DATES, received at this Office. San Francisco - - - May 15 | Paris - - - - Mar 13

Panama, N G. - - April 15 | Hongkong - - - " 15

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For SAN FRANCISCO, no vessel in port bound thence. For LAHAINA, per Kamoi, Friday. For Kawaihas and Kona, per Alice, to-day. For Kauai, per Emma, to-day, and Excel about Monday.

PORT OF HONOLULU, H. I.

ARRIVALS.

May 30-Haw sch Kamoi, Chadwick, from Lahaina. 30-Haw sch Maria, Molteno, fm Lahaina and Kalepolepo 30-Haw sch Kekauluohi, Pole, fm Kona, Hawaii. 30-Haw brig Emma, Bent, fm Hanalei. 31-Am clipper ship Staghound, Peterson, 15 days fm San Francisco; sailed again same day for Hong Kong. 31-Haw sch Alice, Rye, fm Kona, Hawaii. 31-Haw sch Kamehameha IV, Gulick, for Kohala. June 3-Haw sch Moi Keike, Hobron, from East Maui. 4—Haw sch Kamoi, Chadwick, from Lahaina. 4—Schr Kinoole, Spunyarn, from Lahaina.

DEPARTURES.

May 28-Sch Liboliho, Thurston, for Hilo. 28-Sch Excel, Antonio, for Koloa. 28-Sch Favorite, Hobron, for Kahului. June 1-Sch Kamoi, Chadwick, for Lahaina. 1-Sch Sally, for Hilo. 2-Sch Maria, Molteno, for Lahaina and Kawaihae. 3 -Schr Kamehameha, Gulick, for Kohala.

MEMORANDA.

A passenger by the schooner Kekauluohi, on her last trip to Hawaii, writes :- "The fourth day after leaving Honolulu, on Thursday night, it came on to blow very hard. Split jib from clew to earing. Friday night, being about 10 miles to leeward of Lanai, put away for Hawaii. Latter part of the night, and till Saturday morning, at 10 or 11 o'clock, the sea was making a complete breach over the vessel. At 7 A. M., split the mainsail, whole length of leach. At 5 P. M. it had got to be quite moderate. At 6 P. M., a fair wind, saw the land for the first time since early in the morning." It was probably in such a gale that the schooner Kamamalu was lost, in the same chan-

REPORT OF SPERM WHALERS. Capt. Hayden, of bark Mercury, New Bedford, with 50 bbis sperm since leaving the islands, sends us the following report of whalers of Ascension Island, and in that vicinity : Dec. 12, 1856, at Byron's Island, bark Virginia, Peaks, of New

Bedford, 160 bbis sperm.			
Oct. 15, at St	rong's Island	:	
Bark Apphia Maria, Chase, of	280 sperm.		
Ship Potomac, Swain,	66	800	
Monticello, Baker,	44	1000	
Norman, Ray,	44	200	
Ocean Rover, Veceter,	44	1000	
Atlantic, Coleman.	66	1000	
Minerva 2nd, Swain, of N	ew Bedford.	250	
Bark Jos. Butler, White,	"	400	
Ship Othello, Beckerman,	44	1600	
Two Brothers, Childs,	44	400 sp, 270 w	à.
Emily Morgan, Chase,	44	500	
Isaac Howland, Hobbs,	v4.	650	
Bark Winslow, Watson,	44	125	
E. Corning, Rotch,	44	200	
Roscoe, Coffin,	44	200	
Zone, Fish, of Fair Haver	1.	350	
Winthrop, Akin, "		240	
Awashonks, Toby, of Fal	mouth.	600	
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VESSELS IN PORT.-JUNE 3.

H. I. M. Corvette Eurydice, Pichon. British bark Gambia.

INTER-ISLAND TRADE.

From Lahaina—per Kamoi—30 bullock hides, 40 goat skins, Chinaman and 20 native passengers.

FROM MAUI—Per Maria, May 30—26 bbls Irish potatoes, 100 quashes, 2 bbls beef, 5 bbls whale oil, 150 melons, 18 cords wood, 3 pigs, 200 wheel spokes. FROM LAHAINA-Per Kamoi, May 30-20 pkgs rurniture, 1

FROM LAHAINA—Per Kamoi, May 30—20 pkgs rurniture, 1 empty case, 3 horses, 20 fowls, 3 bxs grapes.

FROM HANALEI—per Emma, May 30th—25 cords wood, 95 sheep, 9 head cattle, 2 horses, 260 bags coffee, and sundries.

FOR LAHAINA and KAWAIHAE—per Maria, June 2—50 bags salt, 4 horses, 12,000 shingles, 2500 clapboards, 50 pairs sashes, alt, 4 horses, 12,000 shingles, 2500 clapboards, 50 pairs sashes, 6 doors, 8616 ft lumber, 1000 pickets, 20 tons merchandise.

For KAHULUI, EAST MAUI—per Moi Keike, up trip, May 28—2000 ft lumber, 59 pkgs merchandise, 1 bbl molasses, 1 keg—2000 ft lumber, 59 pkgs merchandise, 1 bbl molasses, 1 keg—sugas. Down trip, June 3—200 goat skins, 3 hides, 5 kegs butter, 1 cord wood, 2 sheep, 3 dec passengers.

PASSENGERS.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO—per clipper sh Staghound, May 31— E H Allen and lady, R B Swain, Mrs Dr Lathrop, Mrs Benson, D M Weston, E A Heydon, Fredk Lyman, Mr Wilder.

FROM KONA, Hawaii-Per Kekauluohi, May 30-H N Greenwell and 113 deck passengers. FROM HANALEI-Per John Young, June 2-His Honor, John Ii, Rev E Johnson, A Wilcox and son.

FROM HANALEI—per Emma, May 30—Chas. Titcomb. FROM LAHAINA—Per Maria, May 30—Messrs. Rivett, Wise Apana, Aai and 48 deck passengers. FROM LAHAINA-Per Kamoi, May 30-J F Colburn wife and

For Hilo-per Liholiho, May 28-Rev. Messrs. Turner, Coan, Lyman, Shipman, Hiram Bingham and lady, Lorrin Andrews, junr., Miss Cornelia Hall, and about 40 deck passengers. For Lahaina—per Maria, June 2—Mr and Mrs L H Anthon and child, Gov Nahaolelua. Alfred Cartwright. For KAWAIHAE -Rev L Lyons, lady and 4 children, and 50 deck passengers.

child, H R H Prince Kamehameha, His Ex Gov Nahaolelus

Vessels Expected from Foreign Ports.

American ship Harriet and Jessie, Janvren, left Boston for Honolulu, April 1, with cargo of merchandise to B. W. Field. American ships John Gilpin and Fortuna were advertised to leave Boston in May for Hon-lulu direct.

A vessel is shortly expected from Manila, or some China por but we cannot learn definitely in regard to it. Schr. T. H. Allen, ----, Master, to sail from San Francisco

Am bark Fanny Major, Lawton, would leave San Francisco for this port about May 20, due here the 6th. Am ship John Marshall, left New York for Honolulu in Jan.

Clipper ship Kamehameha IV, Garry, to sail from Liverpool April 20, with merchandise to R. C. Janion. Brig John Dunlap, Cooke, will be due from Christmas Island about July 1. Ham brig Hero, Moeller, from Sydney, may be looked for from

Sydney by July 1.

Am brigantine L. P. Foster, Johnson, is expected daily from Puget Sound, with a cargo of lumber to Hackfeld & Co. Haw brig Advance, Collins, may be looked for from Columbia River about June 30. Am brigantine Morning Star will be due from Marquesas via Hilo about July 1.

MARRIED

On Thursday evening last at the residence of the bridegroom Mr. AFONG to JULIA FAYERWEATHER, daughter of the late Abraham II. Fayerweather, an old resident of this place.

THE PACIFIC Commercial Advertiser.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4.

THE death of WM. L. LEE leaves vacant the highest seat on the judicial bench of this kingdom, connected with which is the office of Chancellor. Article 86 of the Constitution unites these two offices and reads: "The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be Chancellor of the Kingdom." These united may be considered as the most important trust in the gift of the King. The Chancellor is defined, in the English administration as "an officer invested with judicial powers, and particularly with the superintendence of all charters, letters, and other official writings of the Crown, that require to be solemnly authenticated. Hence this officer becomes the keeper of the great seal, and is the highest officer of the Crown, and keeper of the King's conscience." The intent of the framers of our Constitution was to have such an officer here; but the office has not yet become so prominent as it is held in England. Still the advice and council of the Chancellor and Chief Justice is the highest here, and he is expected to give his opinion in all important matters of state.

The vacancy having occurred, the question now arises as to who will be the successor. This, of course, is a question which the public cannot settle; His Majesty alone has that right, and without attempting to influence in one way or the other, the important decision, perhaps a free, public discussion of the subject will be of good result. The singularly opportune return of His Excel-

lency, Elisha H. Allen, Minister of Finance, at the moment that enabled him to attend the funeral of the late Chief Justice, will, no doubt, aid His Majesty in the choice of a successor. We have good authority to believe that the office of Chief Justice, if not already settled on, will be tendered to Mr. Allen. He has had a long experience in the practice of law, as well as a legislator in the U.S. Congress, and would carry to the bench the extensive knowledge acquired after thirty years forensic practice and observation, as well as a good degree of that respect which such an officer should command. There can be no question that as a lawyer he is well qualified for the highest judicial honors as well as Chancellor. But legal learning is not the only requisite demanded in the incumbent of this office. In the present transition state of the kingdom the Chief Justice should possess a knowledge of the native language, and more particularly of their manners and customs, which can only be acquired by freely and constantly conversing with them in their own dialect. This knowledge is necessary to a full and impartial decision in the many intricate law cases arising between foreigners and natives. The advanced age of Mr. A., however, renders his acquaintance with the native language quite im-

Aside from this, Mr. Allen's policy has generally been considered non-committal or indecisive, which, if carried into the decisions of the Supreme Court, would exercise any but a healthy influence. A bold, clear and decisive stand on all important questions, particularly in cases of precedent, was the prominent feature in the decisions of our late Chief Justice.

Judge Robertson, the present Associate Justice, has also been spoken of as a candidate for the vacancy. In legal research, study and experience Judge R. is as deficient as Mr. Allen is skilled. In most of the chamber decisions made by him, he has had the valuable aid of Judge Lee, and during Mr. Lee's absence, of Mr. Allen, which generally have given satisfaction. But still his experience has been limited, and left to his own resources and judgment, it is impossible to prediet what degree of satisfaction would be given. Though deficient in the legal qualifications Mr. Allen possesses, his knowledge of the native language, habits and customs, renders him, so far as fitness for the native part of the office is concerned, superior to Mr. A. He, however, has unfortunately never been so popular, which has been owing in a measure to the want of a law education, and perhaps to the appearance of ambition on his part (though we cannot call it such), in his being pushed on by circumstances to occupy posts for which greater experience and learning have been always deemed requisite. The appointment of Mr. Allen would meet with general approval, while that of Judge Robertson, even as an ultimatum, would meet but partial.

Besides the above, other of our lawyers have been spoken of, but we suppose that the vacancy will be filled by one of the gentlemen named. The duties of the office, when properly

executed, are laborious; and on this account its salary (\$5000) has been made the highest in the

kingdom, excepting only that of the King. The late Chief Justice Lee, by the wisdom and impartiality of his decisions, has gained for the Supreme Court the highest respect, not only among foreigners resident here, but abroad. It is all important that this respect for the judiciary be maintained. A Chief Justice holds his office for life, subject only to removal on impeachment. An appointment is more easily made than revoked. Such appointment should then only be made deliberately, and ought, if possible, to be one in which there would be an unanimous approval.

In case of the probable elevation of Mr. Allen to the Judicial Bench, the office of Minister of Finance, now held by him, will become vacant. There are many who believe that an entire reconstruction of the cabinet would be beneficial. Rotation in office, when not hasty nor made for trivial motives, produces a healthy state in governments or in corporations. The machinery of state easily rusts, and requires reburnishing. There is no doubt that an entire change in the cabinet would impart a healthy vigor to our

The appointment of Prince Lot to be Minister of Finance would meet public approval. Though young for such a trust, they have confidence that he possesses the latent qualifications, which time and experience only will mature.

The management of the Department of the In-Interior has long been an eye-sore in the kingdom. It is the vital, working-part of the body-politic, and for years has been but half-managed. This failing being evident, the bureau of public works was two or three years since partially cut off from it and thrown into the war office; but we doubt if the superintendent of it knows to which minister he is responsible. Without intending any disrespect towards the incumbent minister, whom ill health has incapacitated, and whose former services deserve perhaps a pension, we must say that the public interests demand that the Department be placed under an active, vigorous and thorough statesman, who shall infuse into every subordinate branch of it a vitality which it has now lost. _

Nor is there less need of change in the Department of Foreign Relations and that humbug Department of War. An occasional manifesto from the former gives token that life in it is not wholly extinct; but the slumbering drafts of French treaties and protocols, lying half motheaten in its alcoves, with the standing purpose of the French Emperor to maintain permanently in our port a vessel of war, however much it may be needed elsewhere, assure the public that a change here might work for their good. The idiosyncracy of years has wormed itself into every line, folio and document of the Department, till the idea of change in policy or purpose is as remote as the prospect of reaching the north pole.

The Department of Public Instruction, too, needs a renovation no less thorough than the other departments. And the intended return to the United States of its present head, which is talked of, will render it practicable, should changes be made in the other departments.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The funeral of William L. Lee took place on Sunday at four P. M., at the Stone Church. In accordance with his own request, there was no display of any kind, excepting the appearance in uniform of the staif of the Commander in Chief, which was quite inappropriate on the occasion. The church was filled, about one-third of the audience being foreigners. The services were in English and native. At the conclusion of them the ' '7 was deposited in the royal cemetery, within the palace enclosure, where it will remain till sent to the United States. It was Mr. Lee's wish to be buried by the side of his father at Sandy Hill, N. Y., where is a most charming cemetery. A biographical sketch of Mr. Lee which we intended for this week's paper, is crowded out till next week, to give place to foreign news and other matter.

By the following extract it would appear that the prospect of Mr. Gregg's remaining here through mother term becomes very improbable, as there are scores of applicants in Washington for the office held by him, and which he is desirous of giving up. During his stay here he has given the most unqualified satisfaction to all, without distinction of country or party, and his course on all questions brought before him has been eminently conciliatory, and has gained for him the greatest respect

Hon. D. L. Gregg.-Our fellow townsman, the Hon. D. L. Gregg, Commissioner to the Sandwich Islands, has made application to the government to be recalled - Illinois State Journal, March 24.

ELECTED .- At the annual election of officers for the Fire Department of the city of Honolulu, held Monday evening, June 1st, 1857, at the Engine House of "Mechanic Engine Co. No. 2" the following gentlemen were elected to serve for the ensuing year.

Chief Engineer A. J. Cartwright Esq. 1st Assistant, do B. F. Snow Esq. do do W. F. Allen Esq.

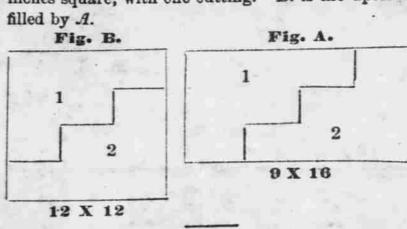
A RAILROAD .- The first railroad constructed in the kingdom was built and put into operation last week (May 26) over the new embankment. Though, at present, only a couple of hundred feet in length, and used for carrying off and depositing the dirt dug up by the dredge, it will not be long before it will be extended to the old fort, to carry off its walls, and then perhaps to Punchbowl, to fill in the water lots, which. until lately have been filling very slow; but the railway and cart, though rude, work so admirably that the laborers are able with it to keep up with the dredge. We learn that car wheels and rails have been ordered from San Francisco, for the further construction of this improvement.

PLUMS .- Mr. Richard Gilliland has favored us with a quart or so of delicious Chinese plums, from a tree growing in his garden. The seed was imported many years ago by Mr. Manini, but we are not aware of any other of these trees growing. The fruit has a flavor resembling the plum and is of a very dark purple color. It is a valuable addition to our list of tropical fruits, and we hope to see it cultivated elsewhere. Those wishing to make the experiment, will be furnished with the seed on application to us.

The anniversary of the Strangers' Friend Society takes place this afternoon and evening at the residence of Mrs. Dudoit.

Anniversaries.—We are obliged to defer till next week our report of the anniversaries held last week.

Answer .- The puzzle given in our last week's paper, has probably afforded many of our readers an opportunity to try their ingenuity. We have received the following solution from two persons; the first singularly enough is a baker by trade, the second is a shipcarpenter. The diagram A. is the board 9x16 inches, which is required to fill an aperture twelve inches square, with one cutting. B. is the aperture



MARINE TELEGRAPH .- Through the exertions of Mr. Jackson, Post Master, we are at length likely to have a marine telegraph erected on "Telegraph Hill," a knoll just back of Diamond Head and a little to westward of the government road to Waialae. A sum sufficient to defray the cost attending its erection and for keeping it in operation for some months has been subscribed. So much has been said about the supposed value of a telegraph, that we are glad the experiment is to receive a fair trial. The telegraph will consist of a pole sixty feet in height, to have four arms, each four feet long From this knoll vessels can be seen in a clear day from twenty to twenty-five miles either way from Diamond Head, and all coasters as well as foreign vessels will be reported by it. One advantage will be that China bound vessels, passing during the day time can be reported, and probably in most cases can be boarded from the port, to procure news, where heretofore they have passed without stopping. The telegraph will be in operation by June 10th.

In another column we quote from the California Chronicle, an article in relation to the affair of Judge Campbell, as we wish our readers to see the comments of outsiders, and as it is necessary to understand the correspondence following it. Though conveying a gross misstatement of the case, its publication can in no way affect the merits of the case, It is not the policy of this paper to set itself up as umpire in any personal affair. When doctors disagree it is always prudent to give them a wide berth. The same rule will apply with equal force to disputes among lawyers :

AMBROTYPES .- It will be difficult to find better specimens of this style of artistic skill than those now to be seen at the rooms of Mr. W. F. Howland. Indeed, we doubt if they can be excelled anywhere. His chemicals are all fresh, his apparatus entirely new and of the most improved style. Every feature is represented in most perfect proportions, and his exquisite taste in coloring and finishing his pictures, renders them almost perfection. His rooms are over the Commercial printing office, where all are invited to call and see for themselves. See his advertisement in another column.

COMET.—A good deal of excitement has been caused at the East from the prediction of a German astronomer that the comet which appeared in 1264 and again in 1556, will appear on the 13th of June, 1857, and is destined finally to hit the earth. It is supposed that if will return during this year or 1858, but there is much uncertainty about it. In an articie published on our sixth page is an allusion to this comet, as well as some interesting facts about as-

tronomy. From Ascension Island .-- By the last mail from San Francisco, we have received letters from Ascension Island to about the middle of January. A report of whalers in that vicinity, furnished by Capt. Hayden, will be found among the memoranda. Dr. Gulick writes that Mrs. Sturges' health is entirely broken down and she will require to take a voyage. She will probably visit our islands in the packet Morning Star.

ORANGE TREES .- A correspondent inquires, "Is it well to prune young orange trees?" There seems to be a difference of opinion on the subject, and perhars some of our readers engaged in growing orange trees, can throw some light on the question, or at least give their experience.

At a meeting of the Bar and Officers of the Court held at the office of A. B. Bates, Esq., upon request of the District Attorney of Oahu on the occasion of the decease of the Hon. W. L. Lee, Mr. Bates was called to the Chair and Mr. J. E. Barnard requested to act as Secretary, the following members of the Bar and Officers of the Court being present: A. B. Bates, J. Montgomery, J. W. Marsh, J. P. Griswold, P. C. Ducorron, R. G. Davis, J. W. E. Maikai, Makalena, Kanihina, D. P. Mahoe, Mahelona, I. Kuwa, Kalauhala, W. C. Parke, H. S. Swinton, Jne. E. Barnard.

Mr. Montgomery then moved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare and submit resolutions to the meeting. The following persons were appointed by the Chair for that purpose: Mr. Montgomery, Mr. J. P. Griswold, and Mr. R. G. Davis.

Mr. Montgomery, upon the return of the Committee to the room, read the following resolutions, which were moved and seconded, and unanimously adopted : Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, by an inscrutable decree of his Providence, to remove from our midst the Honorable William L. Lee, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this Kjugdom, who, during a period of eleven years, by his urbanity of manner, kindness of heart, and integrity of character, had endeared himself to us all; now, therefore, be it. Resolved. That we, as Members of the Bar and Officers of the Court over which he so long presided, deeply deplore the blow which has fallen upon us; and while we bow with submission

and reverence before the will of Omniscient Power, experience a heartfelt sorrow that one so long our chief, and so eminently fitted for the posicion he occupied, should be taken away in the prime of his mauhood. Resolved, That as a mark of respect for his memory and a expression of our feelings, the usual badge of mourning be worn by the Members of the Bar and Officers of the Supreme Court for the period of sixty days, and that in a body we attend his

Resolved, That the District Attorney of Oahu be requested to present to the Supreme Court, at the next term thereof, the proceedings of this meeting, and request on behalf of the Bar that they be entered of Record. Resolved, That we deeply and sincerely sympathize with the relatives and friends of the departed, and above all with his bereaved wife; and that the Secretary of this meeting be requested to forward to Mrs. Lee a copy of these resolutions, as a testimonial of our feelings towards her, and to cause the same to

ASHER B. BATES, Chairman. J. E. BARNARD, Secretary. Honolulu, 29th May, 1857.

At a meeting of the Officers and Directors of the American Club of Honolulu, called at the Rooms of the Club, on Friday, May 29th, on occasion of the decease of the Honorable Wm. L. Lee, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with deep regret of the death our fellow countryman Wm. L. Lee, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Hawaiian Islands, and that in his death the nation has lost one of its most useful and valuable officers. whose character and integrity had gained for him the highest respect both at home and abroad: this Club has lost one of its founders, a most efficient member, and one whom we all were proud to claim as countryman and friend. Resolved, That we tender to the bereaved widow of our

deceased friend our heartfelt sympathies in the affliction which she has been called by an all-wise Providence to endure: That an invitation be extended to the American residents of Honolulu to assemble at the Rooms of the Club at 3 o'clock P. M. on Sunday next, for the purpose of attending the funeral and paying the last sad tribute of respect to the remains of the That the members of this Club wear the usual badge of

mourning for 30 days: That a copy of these Resolutions be presented by the Secretary to the Widow: That the Secretary be instructed to publish the foregoing Resolutions in the journals of this city, and to enter them on the Records of the Club.

ALEX. J. CARTWRIGHT, Secretary.

Per order.

From the California Chronicle JUDGE CAMPBELL AND THE COURTS.—We mentioned

in the Chronicle of Wednesday that the Supreme Court of the Sandwich Islands had ordered the name of Judge Campbell, formerly of this city, to be stricken from the roll of attorneys. From information obtained from passengers by the Fanny Major, it appears that the real cause of the action of the court was this: Mr. Campbell was engaged as counsel in two or three very important suits in which A. B. Bates, the Attorney General, was either a party interested or opposing counsel. Judge Campbell's superior legal abilities and professional shrewdness made it very probable that he would gain all his suits, in which event the aforesaid Bates would be put to much pecuniary inconvenience and perhaps compelled to disgorge some very easily acquired gains. To guard against any such untoward circumstance, it was obviously necessary that some steps should be taken to prevent Mr. Campbell proceeding with the cases wherein he was employed. To that end the charge of foul practice was trumped up against him, arising out of a case that had been litigated in the courts and disposed of many months previously. Bates's position as Attorney General and legal adviser of the various departments of the Government, coupled with the inexperience and incapacity of the two acting Judges of the Supreme Court, rendered the proceeding a very easy one; and thus, to save the erudite and faithful Attorney General from pecuniary loss or the mortification of a professional defeat, an endeavor has been made to rob his professional rival of honor, reputation, good character, and take from him the means of gaining a livelihood. A base object, and one which could only be planned by the brains of those who have endeavored to carry it out.

In the opinion of many there appears to be another reason for the course pursued by Mr. Robertson, one of the Judges, towards Mr. Campbell. The health of Chief Justice Lee has long been such that his demise is daily looked for, in which event, a successor would have to be appointed, and Robertson (who is an English subject) and his friends naturally felt a desire that he should don the judicial ermine. The legal attainments, high standing and extensive professional reputation of Mr. Campbell are such as to eminently qualify him for the position, and also to suggest a fear in the mind of Robertson that he (Campbell) might be called upon to fill the vacancy when it should exist. It appears, also, that a large portion of the American residents desired such a consummation. If, then, Campbell's reputation as a practitioner could be ruined, the only obstacle which lay in the way to prevent Robertson mounting to the highest seat on the Supreme bench would be

But this is not the first instance of "sharp practice" on the part of the Courts and certain members of the Government of the Sandwich Islands. In the year 1848, Horace Hawes, Esq., then at Honolulu, was engaged as counsel in a suit against the Government. During the progress of the trial Mr. Hawes fortified his position so well with legal authorities, and was so indefatigable in bringing out the evidence that it became almost certain that his clients would finally triumph. To prevent this a coup de court was resorted to. The Judge pretended to take umbrage at some expression used by Mr. H. and he was prohibited from practicing in any of the Courts of that Kingdom. The result was that Mr. Hawes' clients could not procure adequate counsel to conduct their case, the Government had its own way, and of course gained the suit.

We are assured that in the case of Mr. Campbell the sympathies of nearly the entire foreign population are with him, and that the action of the Court is looked upon as tyrannical and unjust to the last degree; and it is not at all improbable that the outside pressure of public opinion will compel the Court to retrace its steps and restore Mr. Campbell's name to its position on the roll of practitioners.

A BLUBBER HUNTER ON DIGNITY .- It would appear that there are some "high old Judges" in the Supreme Court of the Sandwich Islands as well as elsewhere, The Court is composed of Chief Justice Lee, a respectable gentleman, but at the time of which we speak, in very bad health; Associate Justices G. M. Robertson, a whaler, and John Ii, a native. On the 16th of March Justice Robertson addressed an insulting note to Alexander Campbell, formerly of this city, and then an attorney of the Hawaiian Supreme Court, in which the Justice accused the attorney of representing one Franconi as a French subject, for the purpose of obtaining, in his case, a Consular Jury as proposed by the French Consul, while at the same time Mr. Campbell knew that he was a Swiss citizen. To this Mr. Campbell indignantly replies, and shows that he represented Franconi as having been born in France, of Swiss parents. On the 30th of March the Court met in secret session, and without having made any charge against Mr. Campbell, of which he had any notice, without allowing him the privilege granted even to murderers, of being permitted to know of what he was accused and to answer himself, the Court ordered the name of Alexander Campbell to be stricken from the roll of the practitioners of the Court. On being informed of this "Star Chamber" act, Mr. Campbell addressed a cousteous letter to Chief Justice Lee, but which that elevated dignitary, after having been assured of its courteous character, and being made acquainted with the substance of it,

From the correspondence and order of the Court. published in the Honolulu Commercial Advertiser of April 3d, we are forced to the conclusion that the whole transaction on the part of the Court was infamously unjust. Justice Robertson must have thought himself once more in the prow of a whale-boat, harpoon in hand, and finding the "sparm"-Alexander Campbell-asleep, used his opportunity, and hit him in a vital part. All who know Judge Campbell know well enough that he is incapable of the act attributed to him, and cannot fail to condemn this proceeding of the High Court of His Majesty Kamehameha No. IV, as without parallel and indefensible.

Alexander Campbell has more knowledge of law. in his little finger, metaphorically speaking, than have all the blubber hunters of that former group of cannibal islands, whose inhabitants first worshipped Capt. Cook and then assassinated and eat him; more than all the harpooners who have left the try-out kettle of a New Bedford whaler, to try out law for the edification of Kanakadom.

Correspondence.

Honolulu, Jane 1, 1857. TO THE EDITOR OF THE COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER:-Observing, in the California Chronicle of May 9th, an article under the heading of "Judge Campbell and the Sandwich Islands Courts," in which article grossly false statements are contained, impeaching my integrity as a man and belying the professional intercourse that has existed between Judge Campbell and myself, I addressed to him a note, to which I have received the accompanying reply.

That Judge Campbell's note may be understood, I send you also a copy of so much of the article in the California papers as refers to me, with a request that you will publish this note, the extract and Judge Campbell's note, that justice may be done to

I regret to give publication to anything affecting my personal or professional reputation, but, as I have been arraigned in a public journal abroad, I am left without an alternative, unless I consent to be scandalized among strangers, where my "daily walk and conversation" cannot give the lie to the false imputations. Yours, &c.,

ASHER B. BATES. [Copy of an extract from the California Chronicle of May 9th.] "JUDGE CAMPBELL AND THE SANDWICH ISLANDS COURTS."

(The whole article is published above.)

Honolulu, June 2, 1857.

A. B. BATES, ESQ .- DEAR SIR :- I have received your note of yesterday, and have read the article in the California Chronicle to which you refer. I can only say in reply, that, so far as I have any knowledge on this subject, the Editor has been en-